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instances where the state of Nebraska asks for a social security number on various different licensing applications and so forth. And these documents are all public records, so it's very easy to determine someone's social security number. So I think this...you're raising a very important issue. I thank you for doing it and I think this is an area that we may need to look at next year with some legislation. I think Senator Redfield has some legislation pending that may get to some of this, but I think you're on track with a very important issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. Senator Schimek waives closing. Question is the adoption of the Schimek amendment to LB 242. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend with AM1703. (Legislative Journal page 1708.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 242.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, this is an amendment in an area of the bill that we have discussed before. If you recall, there's a broad prohibition against officials, such as ourselves, using our office for campaign issues, whether ballot issues or candidates, that's certainly appropriate. We have, in the bill, codified, to a large extent, previous rulings of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The amendment would create an exception to that general rule and it is in the area of what may be done by an entity or a governing body in support or opposition to a ballot question. The current rule that we have codified says that the section or the law does not prohibit a governing body from discussing or voting upon a resolution supporting or opposing a ballot question. What I'm proposing is